





## What is a Forest Plan?

The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 requires that each forest create a land management plan. **Known as Forest Plans, these land management documents guide management of National Forest lands to provide for multiple-uses and social, economic, and ecological benefits for the present and future.**

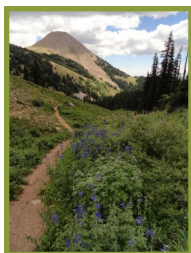


Photo: La Sal Mountains

The process for the development and revision of plans, is outlined in planning regulations (36 CFR 219), often referred to as the 'Planning Rule' or the 2012 Planning Rule.

## Why is the Manti-La Sal National Forest Undergoing Plan Revision?

**Written in 1986, the current Manti-La Sal National Forest Plan is outdated.** Since its creation, natural resource and social conditions have changed; new scientific knowledge exists; and additional land management laws have been put into place. These changes, along with shifts in communities, economic activity, and changing patterns of land and resource use drive the need to revise the plan at this time.

## Assessment Phase and Report

The Forest is nearing the end of the Assessment Phase (Phase 1). The Assessment Phase included outreach to Tribal, County, and State Governments as well as other Agencies and the public. A Draft Assessment Report has been written and is available for comment on our website.

The Draft Assessment Report evaluates the 15 topics listed in the 2012 Planning Rule (36 CFR 219.6(b)) and provides a base of currently available information to use in the development of the Revised Plan (36 CFR 219.19). The Assessment Report is not a decision document and does not authorize any on-the-ground actions.

## Public Meeting Dates and Locations

All Meetings are from 5-7 pm

Date	City	Location
6/27/2017	Price	Fairgrounds 450 S. Fairgrounds Way
6/28/2017	Castle Dale	Courthouse 75 E. Main
6/29/2017	Manti	Courthouse 160 N. Main
7/11/2017	Moab	Grand Center 182 N. 500 W.
7/12/2017	Monticello	Four Corners School 1117 N. Main Street
7/13/2017	Blanding	Library 25 W. 300 S.
7/20/2017	Provo	Utah County Offices 51 S. University Avenue

## Need to Change and Plan Components

There are two steps involved in the transition to Phase II of Forest Plan Revision. One step is to develop the **Need to Change**. The Need to Change identifies overall Resource Management Themes (from public input and the Assessment Report). The other step is developing **Draft Management Directions** to be considered in the development of a Draft Forest Plan

## How can the public participate?

**Public participation is a priority during each phase of Forest Plan Revision.** The 30-day Comment Period for the Draft Assessment Report is open through July 24, 2017. The Forest invites the public to participate at public open houses and through digital platforms found on our website. **See table for a list of upcoming open houses.**



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